



## COUNTY OF MONO

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Board Update – Initial County response to windstorm of February 6-9 and Round Fire and Van Dyke Fire  
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### **Overview:**

After the events of the weekend of February 6-8, 2015, the Mono County department heads met and have the following updates which are the beginning structure of ensuring a response to the disaster to a recovery and support for impacted residents. This is only the beginning of a marathon effort that will have many different aspects and phases.

Bridgeport is in full recovery with everything except Verizon based cell service restored. Emergency Shelter closed. Antelope Valley also has power and lacks Verizon Cell service. Walker Community Center Shelter also closed.

The following listing is a brief synopsis by major area or department. Routine updates will continue.

**Ag. Commissioners Office:** No live stock lost. Point Ranch (Van Dyke Fire in Bridgeport) there was a loss of one mile of fencing.

**Animal Control --** Pet care available to help with any pet placement issues, Angelle Nolan, (760) 932-5582 or [anolan@mono.ca.gov](mailto:anolan@mono.ca.gov)

**Assessor --** Assessor toured community along with Sheriff and Assessor appraiser staff. Preliminary estimate of property value to be removed from the roll is \$7.7 million. Calamity relief forms will be transmitted by multiple means to impacted property owners. The request for relief form will also be placed on County website and printed copies will be at the Crowley Community center.

**Behavioral Health --** Counseling services for residents and recovery workers available. Inyo County has offered services and will be accessed as need requires.

**Building Official –** Inspected all impacted buildings by working with Cal Fire and local agencies. Issue of permitting of all homes and structures which were destroyed will require resources and options for early pre-permitting under review.

**Community Development** – as residents begin process of permitting and potential rebuild, non-conformity issues and RV use during construction will need to be addressed. This issue will be analyzed and recommendation made to Board for consideration.

**County Administrator's Office** – Working to ensure state and federal support for potential reimbursement of costs. Congressman Cook's office has been contacted and Supervisor Stump received contact from Senator Feinstein's office.

**County Counsel** – Reviewing all aspects of declaration and will track ongoing need for it to remain in effect.

**Finance** – Midyear budget review being moved to March 3<sup>rd</sup> to provide time to assess need for additional resources and impacts on County Budget. All departments have been advised to track any and all expenditures connected with Round Fire, Van Dyke Fire or windstorm which has impacted any portion of the County.

**Information Technology** – Verizon working to restore cell service and full, broadband to its customer network. Portable tower being brought in to facilitate faster return to service. Verizon splicing into D395 to aide in restoration.

**California Office of Emergency services** - Recovery staffer, Sean Smith, coming to Mono to support accessing various state recovery programs.

## **Public Health:**

- **Water infrastructure** – Public health has inspected and Boil Water advisory has been issued. This advisory also on County website and printed available for people through Crowley Community Center.
- **Porta potties** being coordinated for impacted neighborhoods by Facilities as offer of donation from Preferred Septic was received.
- **Medications** – Dr. Johnson is available for anyone who has need to access prescription due to loss during the fire.
- **EMS** – request has been made to temporarily have Paramedic rig in impacted community. EMS and Public health coordinating request to ensure adequate coverage in other areas.

## **Public Works:**

- **Road** - Guard rail replacement along upper Rock Creek scheduled for one days' worth of work by outside contractor on Wednesday February 11, 2015. This should allow reopening. Until then that road will be closed and is only road so far identified as impacted.

- **Road sign** impact and replacement under way – loss of signs being determined and replacement will occur as quickly as feasible.
- **Solid Waste** – Solid Waste is contacting local private waste haulers about cost of providing dumpsters and where the waste will need to be transported. Waste from house fires usually considered hazardous so long distance transport a probable outcome.

**Sheriff's Office** -- As director of Emergency Services is maintaining focus on response and collaboration with all first response agencies. Issued emergency declaration ON Friday, February 6, 2015.

Sheriff's department will have deputy presence in impacted communities to ensure safety and no trespass. Sheriff's PIO is providing regular updates and communication with the Calfire and other Public Information officers of cooperating agencies.

## **Social Services:**

Social Services is handling the bulk of resident support. Operating and staffing the Crowley Community Center, 458 South Landing Road, Crowley.

Crowley Community Center acting as both Shelter and Local Assistance Center. Red Cross and Salvation Army coordinating with Social Services and has presence there from February 9<sup>th</sup> to February 14. This can be extended easily and will be determined later in the week.

**Donations** – People should review process to donate goods or funds through the County website: <https://gis.mono.ca.gov/roundfire/>

Offers of housing donations being coordinated by Marlo Preis, (760) 924-1793 or [mpreis@mono.ca.gov](mailto:mpreis@mono.ca.gov)

**Salvation Army** has opened at the Tri-County Fairgrounds a place for displaced residents to go who needs clothes or other donated durable goods. The outpouring of support from the community has been tremendous. We will message out what is needed as we learn more from the affected residents. Gift cards are the most flexible way to give currently, and can be used immediately.

Salvation Army and American Red Cross mobile units are located in Swall Meadows and will continue to serve as long as needed.